

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

July 16, 1997
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Stephen S. Cleveland, Chairman, Goodyear	Peter Van Haren, Paradise Valley
Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma, Avondale	Frank Abeyta for Meredith Flinn, Peoria
Delbert Self, Buckeye	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
Larry Paine, Cave Creek	David Easchief, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian
Lloyd Harrell, Chandler	Community
*Rosalinda Herrera, El Mirage	Dick Bowers, Scottsdale
Paul Nordin, Fountain Hills	Mike Branham for Dick McComb, Surprise
*David Howard, Gila Bend	Gary Brown, Tempe
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Kent Cooper, Gilbert	David Siegel, Wickenburg
Ed Beasley for Martin Vanacour, Glendale	Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
*Enrique Serna, Guadalupe	Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
Robert Musselwhite, Litchfield Park	*Larry Bonine, ADOT
Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster, Mesa	Ken Driggs, RPTA

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lindy Bauer, MAG	Jane Karl, C.O.S.T.S
James M. Bourey, MAG	Debbie Kohn, Avondale
Barbara Carpenter, MAG	Patrice Kraus, Chandler
Peggy Carpenter, Scottsdale	Greg Larson, Scottsdale
Blue Crowley	Jeff Martin, Mesa
Michael Dawson, MCDOT	Denise McClafferty, MAG
Monique de los Rios, MAG	Patrick Roberts, Arizona Republic
Leslie Dornfeld, MAG	Art Rullo, MAG
Drenan Dudley, MAG	Mark Schlappi, MAG
Doug Eberhart, MAG	Connie, Sexton, Arizona Republic
Anglea Gee, MAG	Dennis Smith, MAG
Mike Golden, MAG	Lisa Takata, Phoenix
Roger Herzog, MAG	Roy Turner, MAG
Terry Johnson, MAG	Vivian B. Valle, C.O.S.T.S.
Carol Kratz, MAG	Paul Ward, MAG
	Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Cleveland, Goodyear, at 12:10 p.m. Chairman Cleveland introduced proxies Reyes Medrano for the City of Tolleson and Frank Abeyta for the City of Peoria.

2. Approval of June 11, 1997 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Brown moved, and Mr. Branham seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 11, 1997 Management Committee meeting.

Chairman Cleveland presented a letter of appreciation to Greg Larson for his exceptional service and dedication to the MAG member agencies. Mr. Larson served as the Chairman of the Electronic Highway Users Group (EHUG) for the past year. Mr. Bowers thanked Mr. Larson and stated that MAG has benefitted from his proven character of excellence. Mr. Bowers stated that he wished Mr. Larson the best of luck in California.

Chairman Cleveland noted that two items have been added to the agenda. He also noted that the September Management Committee meeting has been changed to September 3, 1997 due to the Regional Council meeting being changed to September 17, 1997 to accommodate the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference scheduled for September 24, 1997.

3. Call to the Audience

Vivian Valle, C.O.S.T.S. Chairman, introduced herself and Jane Karl, Treasurer of C.O.S.T.S. Ms. Valle called attention to an article in the Arizona Republic on open desert at risk. She stated that this does not just affect Peoria but the entire state of Arizona. Ms. Valle stated that she realizes MAG has clear policies on this issue, however, the city managers need to inform the mayor's so they can make the best decisions. She stated that people want to live in this state because it is beautiful. We are letting beautiful desert space go, and once it is gone, it is irreversible. Ms. Valle noted that she is not against growth but too much can ruin our precious land. She stated that the mayors must set policies to keep the deserts beautiful.

Chairman Cleveland thanked Ms. Valle for her comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey informed the Management Committee that he has been appointed to a Governors task force to study the feasibility of a high-speed rail line from Phoenix to Tucson. The anticipated date of completion is November 30, 1997. Mr. Bourey stated that he will continue to inform the Management Committee of any further developments on this project.

Mr. Bourey stated that many MAG members still have not submitted their commitments to implement air quality measures. These are important for the Serious Area Plans and should be submitted as soon as possible.

Mr. Bourey stated that on July 19, 1997, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will publish the new air quality standards for particulate matter and ozone. An Interim Implementation Policy will follow in September 1997 to provide guidance on compliance with the new standards. Mr.

Bourey stated that this morning, the EPA administrator signed the new standards package. The current particulate standard PM-10 will remain unchanged and a new standard for fine particulates PM 2.5 will be added. Mr. Bourey noted that the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department operates the official air quality monitoring network, and is currently analyzing the impact of the new standards in this area. It appears that there could be no violations of the new 24-hour standard, and it is possible one monitor may exceed the new standard. Mr. Bourey stated that the EPA will begin a five-year effort to build an adequate monitoring network for the new particulate standard.

Mr. Bourey informed the Management Committee that the current ozone standard will be changed to a more stringent concentration. According to the Maricopa County analysis of the monitoring network, it appears that the monitors located in the northern and eastern portions of the region may exceed the new ozone standard. Mr. Bourey noted that nationwide, there are 106 counties which do not meet the current ozone standard. The new ozone standard may add another 229 counties, which would increase the total list of nonattainment areas to 335.

Mr. Bourey discussed the Census 2000. He stated that the allocation of billions of dollars in federal and state revenues will be based on the census count. Mr. Bourey noted that there are some changes in the survey itself. Some questions will be eliminated and others will move from the short form to the long form.

Mr. Bourey stated that a pre-census local review would replace the traditional post census review. Under this program, member agencies will review a list of addresses by block within their jurisdiction and then prior to the census provide the Census Bureau with any corrections. Mr. Bourey added that it would be crucial for member agencies to develop a plan for reviewing the address list that included the acquisition of appropriate computer equipment and software, as well as the allocation of adequate staff and financial resources.

Chairman Cleveland reiterated that MAG member agencies should be certain to allocate adequate staff time for the Census 2000 and identify a contact to receive census data.

Mr. Bourey stated that there is a major unresolved issue. The last census clearly had an under count and a decision was made not to adjust the count. Mr. Bourey stated that the Census Bureau proposed that a statistical adjustment to the Census 2000 count be made so there will be a more accurate count.

Mr. Bourey reported that a Census 2000 meeting would be held on August 8, 1997 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Scottsdale Public Library. He continued that Dr. Martha Farnsworth-Riche, Director of the Census Bureau, would be making a presentation on how the public and private sector should work together to achieve the best census count possible. He said invitations to the meeting would be sent out to the members of the Management Committee.

Mr. Bourey extended an invitation to tour the new MAG offices after the meeting. He then introduced several new employees of MAG: Drenan Dudley, Environmental Planner; Mike Golden, Environmental Planner; Gordon Tyus, Graphics Specialist; Art Rullo, Fiscal Services Manager and Denise McClafferty, Administrative Secretary. Mr. Bourey stated that he is excited about MAG's staff and new location.

Chairman Cleveland thanked Mr. Bourey for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to approval of the consent agenda, Chairman Cleveland asked if any members of the Management Committee wished to have any of the items removed from the consent agenda. No members responded.

Gary Brown moved, Lloyd Harrell seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of items 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the consent agenda.

6. Enhancement Funds Working Group Round V Recommendations

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, to move forward the Enhancement Fund Working Group ranked list of applications to the Arizona Department of Transportation. On July 16, 1997, the Transportation Enhancement Funds Working Group recommended a ranked list of applications for Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act Enhancement Funds. This year, six applications were received for local funds, totaling \$1.23 million for \$4.0 million available statewide. Three applications for state funds were received totaling \$1.55 million for \$3.0 million available statewide. These recommendations are provided to the Arizona Department of Transportation Enhancement Review Committee.

7. Consultant Selection for 1997 MAG Regional Congestion Study

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, contracting with TRA for an amount not to exceed \$307,956 to conduct the MAG 1997 Regional Congestion Study. In May 1997 the Regional Council approved the FY 1998 MAG Unified Planning Work Program which includes a congestion study. The purpose of the study is to provide traffic congestion data for the MAG planning process. The data will be used to ensure that the MAG transportation models are accurately representing congestion, to provide input into regional transportation studies, and to provide information for traffic studies and road design. A Request for Proposals was advertised and one proposal was received. A multi-agency group reviewed the proposal and interviewed the consultant. The review group is recommending that Traffic Research & Analysis Inc. be selected to conduct the Congestion Study for an amount not to exceed \$308,000.

8. Approval of Draft 2025-2050 MAG Resident Population in Group Quarter by Municipal Planning Area and Regional Analysis Zone

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, the Draft 2025-2050 MAG projections of resident population in group quarters by Municipal Planning Area and Regional Analysis Zone. The Regional Council approved the MAG socioeconomic projections, including resident population in group quarters from 2000-2020. Group quarters refers to non-household living quarters such as dormitories, prisons and nursing homes. Subsequently, staff has prepared projections of resident population in group quarters from 2025-2050. On June 26, 1997, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the 2025-2050 group quarters population projections.

9. Short-term Working Capital Loan Agreement Between the City of Phoenix and MAG

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, authorizing the MAG Executive Director to enter into a loan agreement between MAG and the City of Phoenix to provide interim funding for operating and payroll expenses at a maximum interest rate of 5.25 percent for a maximum loan amount not to exceed \$500,000. Funding for MAG activities is included each year in the Unified Planning Working Program. Historically, a large portion of the funding for MAG has been provided by federal sources on a reimbursement basis. In the past, salaries for MAG were provided through the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. This staffing arrangement assisted MAG in meeting its short-term cash flow needs while federal reimbursements were being processed. The likelihood of a temporary cash flow shortfall or a need for short-term borrowing has heightened due to the transition of the payroll from the League to MAG. To alleviate the impact of a cash flow shortfall, the City of Phoenix has offered to enter into a short-term working capital loan agreement with MAG. The loan agreement would be for a maximum of \$500,000, and interest would be charged only for the portion used. The maximum rate of interest would be 5.25 percent. This rate reflects the City's foregone interest earnings on the cash advanced to MAG. It is anticipated that this would serve as a standby loan arrangement to be repaid periodically if it is drawn upon.

10. Federal Fiscal Year FY 1997 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout

Paul Ward stated that this program was adjusted in March and May of 1997 to reflect project delays and additional funding. He informed the Management Committee that under recent federal legislation, MAG will receive additional Supplemental Obligation Authority (OA) which must be utilized this year. Mr. Ward displayed an overhead that detailed recommendations from the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) of how to utilize the remaining OA which must be obligated by September 30, 1997. Mr. Ward explained that the amount recommended for the Pima Freeway project (\$1.2 million) represents approximately 70% of the Supplemental OA received, in line with existing MAG policies. He stated that, if MAG was able to fully utilize the OA received, redistributed OA might also be made available and the request for new transit vehicles (\$1.6 million) was the TRC recommendation for the redistributed OA.

Cynthia Seelhammer from the Town of Queen Creek joined the meeting at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Chairman Cleveland clarified that it is \$4.5 million instead of the \$3.9 million shown in Table Two of the agenda packet. Robert Musselwhite asked if the amount being spent on transit vehicles would be for diesel buses. Mr. Ward stated that the funds are allocated for clean burning, natural gas transit buses and van pools, and this was confirmed by Ken Driggs.

Chairman Cleveland asked the Management Committee if they had any further questions, upon which none were received.

Ken Driggs moved, Robert Musselwhite seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend providing funding to the following projects: Mesa, Stapley Drive for \$595,000; Tempe; Curry Road \$32,175; the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), new transit vehicles \$1.075 million; the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Pima Freeway for \$1.2 million; RPTA, new transit vehicles with redistributed obligation authority \$1.6 million; and to loan ADOT any unused obligation authority to ensure that the MAG region does not lose any obligation authority.

Blue Crowley stated that he would like the minutes to reflect more of what he says and not simply 'made several comments'. Mr. Crowley stated that the minutes are a process for input when an issue is brought to a committee, and they should be correct.

11. MAG Priorities for Scoping of ADOT Construction Projects

Terry Johnson informed the Management Committee that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has initiated efforts to update their five-year Highway Construction Program. He stated that ADOT requires that the projects be scoped before they are placed in the Program. A workshop for the MAG region was hosted by the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC). Mr. Johnson stated that TRC reviewed the input from the workshop and recommended that the existing MAG priorities be recommended to ADOT. These include High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane improvements and low-cost projects that were previously approved by the Regional Council.

Mike Hutchinson asked if there would be any cost increase. Mr. Johnson stated that he did not know of any particular cost increase associated with projects. Robert Musselwhite inquired about long range multi modal plans. Mr. Johnson stated that there are long range multi modal plans and discussed major components.

Chairman Cleveland asked if this proposed action is in addition to what is done on a regular basis. Mr. Johnson stated that the time table for input has been advanced. Chairman Cleveland asked the Management Committee if they had any additional comments.

Blue Crowley stated that he attended a related meeting in Mesa. He stated that eventually, accommodations should be made for a rail system. Mr. Crowley informed the committee that there are no bike lanes on 60 and 85. Mr. Crowley stated that all this helps to improve air quality, and MAG is responsible for making air quality right.

Dick Bowers moved, Robert Musselwhite seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend forwarding the existing MAG priorities: 1) HOV lanes on I-17 between I-10 and Dunlap Avenue; 2) HOV lanes on the Superstition Freeway between I-10 and Gilbert Road; 3) HOV lanes on the Squaw Peak Freeway between I-10 and Shea Boulevard and 4) the remaining list of the 18 low cost projects to ADOT as the regional priorities for scoping and programing for ADOT discretionary funds.

Paul Nordin from the Town of Fountain Hills joined the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m.

12. Update on Arizona Works Pilot Program

Carol Kratz briefed the Management Committee on the revised welfare reform program which includes the Arizona Works Pilot. She stated that the Arizona State Legislature passed, and Governor Symington signed into law, SB 1357 which revised the cash assistance program to conform to federal legislation and establishes an Arizona Works pilot program to privatize the delivery of welfare services in a portion of Maricopa County. This program replaces Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Ms. Kratz stated that families will no longer receive cash assistance as an entitlement. She stated that the program is now a work program in which the recipient has a two-year time limit to return to work and a five-year lifetime for benefits. Ms. Kratz stated that the service area for the Arizona Works pilot program includes the East Valley

cities, as well as Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Cave Creek, Carefree, Guadalupe, other Indian communities and portions of the cities of Phoenix and Glendale. Representatives of cities in the privatization pilot met to discuss issues related to the project. She stated that some of the municipal concerns are adequate funding, capped benefit levels, split jurisdictions, quality of service, RFP procurement process, sustainable wages and an ongoing means of communication with cities and local governments.

Ms. Kratz noted that this item is on the agenda for information and discussion and that no action is needed at this time.

Dick Bowers stated that there are enough warning signs to do what is needed to prepare, and suggested that this be presented to Regional Council in more detail.

Ruban Duran stated that he is concerned about the financial impact and declining revenues in cities and towns. He agreed on the recommendation to present this information to the Regional Council at the next meeting.

Kent Cooper noted that there is no city or town of Higley.

Ms. Kratz stated that this is a concern for everyone if the legislature votes to rollout the project statewide in 2001.

Chairman Cleveland agreed that this issue should be presented before the Regional Council. He requested the presentation be expanded and cover some of the monetary implications.

Dick Bowers reminded all city managers of the importance of the vision process. He asked that managers try to attend the MAG Region 2025 Vision Process briefing one hour before the Management Committee meeting.

Ken Driggs commented on the status of federal funding for transit. The Senate version of the transportation appropriation's bill eliminates the transit funding for this region. The House version of the bill still contains the transit funding.

Chairman Cleveland reminded the Management Committee to please see MAG staff for parking validation. He also noted the Arizona City/County Management Association (ACMA) Conference will be on Thursday, July 24 and hopes to see everyone there.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary